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Higher ed enrollment expected to hit caps

By Cathy Peterson **Emerald Reporter**

Student enrollment figures for the Oregon State System of Higher Education are expected to meet enrollment caps for the 1990-91 school year, a state system official said Thursday.

"My expectations are within the enrollment caps," said Su-san Weeks, director of Institutional Research for the Oregon State System. She added that official enrollment figures will not be available until the fourth week of school, or the 20th day of classes.

University of Oregon Admissions Director James Buch said fall enrollment should be "roughly the same" as last year. His office is predicting that 17,800 to 17,900 students will enroll in the University for the 1990-91 school year

Buch said a previously discussed planned reduction in enrollment to 17,600 has been delayed. As part of the reduc-tion, the University had planned to scale down enrollment in two phases after a record enrollment in 1988 of 18,500, but enrollment in 1989 was about 200 students fewer than planned.

To make up for lost tuition. and as a one-time effort to offset the cost of some athletic tuition waivers, the 1990 plan was increased to 17,900. Buch said the bulk of added students have transferred from other schools.

Across the state, colleges and universities reported minimal increases in enrollment.

A representative from the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland said over 1,300 dental and medical students enrolled in fall 1989, and approximately 1,400 were expected to register for fall 1990.

A spokeswoman in the registrar's office at Oregon State University in Corvallis said over 15,900 students enrolled in fall 1989, and that she wouldn't make any predictions for total enrollment.

Registrar R. John Brinegar from Western Oregon State in Monmouth said 3,928 students have enrolled this fall.

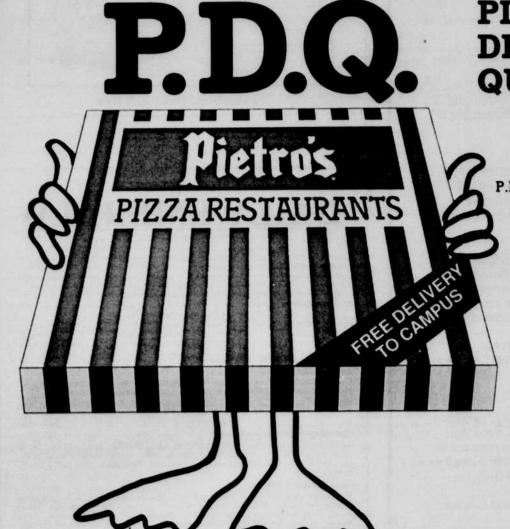
"Our enrollment's close to last year, it will probably be a little more." Brinegar said.

At Southern Oregon State in Ashland, over 4,800 students enrolled last year.

"I can't tell if that number's going to go up or down," said Assistant Registrar Ken Kuo.

Although not part of the Oregon state system. Lane Community College in Eugene has more students enrolling in 1990 than in 1989, although college officials said no solid figures were available yet for the fall term.

According to statistics from the Planning, Research and Evaluation Department, 8.143 students were enrolled as of April 1989. There are currently 8,404 students enrolled full and part time.



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